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SUBJ: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR U.S.-CHINA TRADE PACKAGING EQUIPMENT DELEGATION

1. CHINA NATIONAL EXPORT PACKAGING CORPORATION (CHINAPAK) REQUESTED MEETING WITH USLO TO PASS ITINERARY TO NCUSCT AND TO DISCUSS TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING LOGISTICS.

2. ITINERARY:

JULY 28: 15-0 DELEGATION ARRIVES ON JAL 783.

JULY 29: A.M. - DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, HEAD OFFICE

CHINAPAK WILL MEET DELEGATION FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED

ITINEKAKY.

JULY 30: - TOUR OF GREAT WALL AND MING TOMBS.

JULY 31: - TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA - ALL DAY.

AUG 1: A.M. - TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA. IN ADDITION, THE CHINA

COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE WILL INVITE

THE DELEGATION LEADER FOR A MEETING.

P.M. - TOUR OF FACTORIES.

AUG 2: A.M. - TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA.

P.M. - LEAVE FOR TSINGTAO BY TRAIN OR PLANE.

AUG 3&4: - IN TSINGTAO FOR TWO DAYS OF TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA

AND VISITS. LEAVE TSINGTAO ON THE FOURTH FOR SHANGHAI.

 ${\rm AUG}$ 5-8: - IN SHANGHAI FOR TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA AND VISITS.

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AUG 8-10: - IN WUHSI AND A NEARBY COUNTY FOR SIGHTSEEING. THEY HAVE NO PLANS FOR TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA NOR VISITS TO FACTORIES RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR INTERESTS OF THE DELEGATION. THEY EXPRESSED THE BELIEF, HOWEVER, THAT SOME FACTORY VISITS (NOT NECESSARILY INVOLVING PACKAGING EQUIPMENT) COULD BE ARRANGED.

AUG 11: - RETURN TO SHANGHAI FOR FLIGHT TO TOKYO.

- 3. CHINAPAK IS CONCERNED THAT THE DELEGATION MAY NOT HAVE MADE NEW FLIGHT RESERVATIONS FROM SHANGHAI TO TOKYO TO ACCOMMODATE THIS CHANGE OF SCHEDULE (ORIGINALLY THE DELEGATION PLANNED TO LEAVE SHANGHAI ON AUG 8 BUT HAS APPARENTLY AGREED WITH CHINAPAK THAT STAY BE EXTENDED A FEW DAYS). THEY POINTED OUT (AND WE CONCUR) THAT PLANE RESERVATIONS OUT OF CHINA HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE RECENTLY. IF THE DELEGATION WISHES TO UNDERTAKE THE WUHSI PART OF THE SCHEDULE THEY SHOULD TRY TO MAKE PLANE RESERVATIONS FOR FRIDAY AUG 11 WHILE IN THE U.S. OR IN TOKYO. CHINAPAK POINTED OUT THAT THE BUSINESS PART OF THE VISIT WOULD BE OVER BY AUG 8 IN SHANGHAI; THEREFORE, THE DELEGATION NEED NOT UNDERTAKE THE WUHSI PORTION IF IT WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE EARLIER.
- 4. DUE TO EXTREME TIGHTNESS IN PEKING HOTEL SITUATION, CHINAPAK IS GOING TO TRY TO OBTAIN A SUITE FOR THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION AND SINGLE ROOMS FOR ALL OTHERS. THEY DID SAY THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR SOME MEMBERS TO DOUBLE UP. WE THOUGHT THAT STRATEGY WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO TAKING ROOMS IN OTHER (I.E. UNAIRCONDITIONED) PEKING HOTELS.
- 5. CHINAPAK WARMLY WELCOMED PARTICIPATION OF USLO ESCORT AND ONLY WANTED TO BE INFORMED IF ESCORT WOULD NOT JOIN THE DELEGATION FOR ANY PART OF THE TRIP OUTSIDE PEKING.

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6. FOR TOKYO: THIS MESSAGE MAY ARRIVE TOO LATE TO INFORM NCUSCT BEFORE WASHINGTON DEPARTURE. PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO HOWELL JACKSON, NCUSCT ESCORT OR ROBERT COUGHLIN, DELEGATION LEADER AT THE OKURA HOTEL ON JULY 27. WOODCOCK

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